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Student Associations and Upcoming Events

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Student Associations News



SAA President Cole Smith, LISSA President Callie Wiygul, Secretary Michelle Finerty at the College of Education & Psychology Student Group Presentations, Nov. 14th.

LIS Student Association (LISSA)

President: Callie Wiygul

Vice President/Webmaster – Michelle Finerty

Secretary – Rob Richards

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Xinyu Yu

LISSA is an American Library Association student group and assists the annual Children's Book Festival and Miss. Library Association Annual Conference.

<https://www.facebook.com/southernmisslissa>

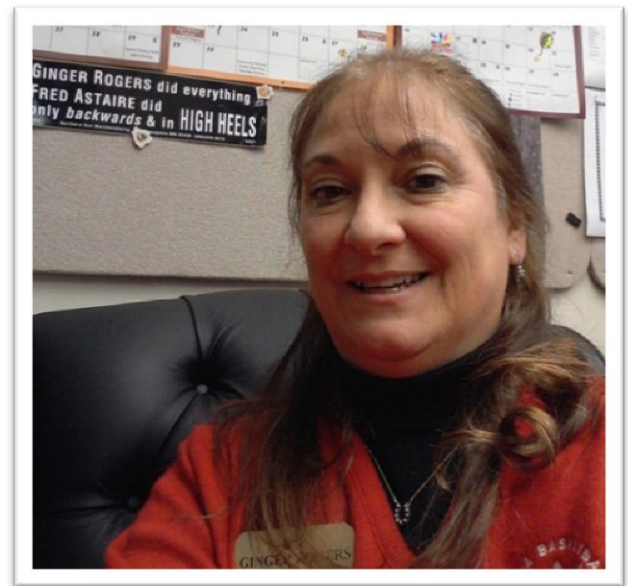


LISSA president Callie Wiygul and vice-pres. Michelle Finerty presented 288 books to the USM Children's Center for Communication & Development in Dec.

<http://www.usm.edu/news/articles/Libraries>

LISSA Student-to-Staff

Ginger Rogers (no, not the one who danced with Fred Astaire, but she doesn't mind when people ask her) is from Southern Indiana. She is the mother of a grown son and two grown daughters and has three grandchildren. Ginger has a Bachelors' degree from Harding University in Elementary Education and she worked in public schools for 14 years. She spent over five years working in early childhood education and, just for something different, worked three years at a concrete plant where she got her first real experience using computers.



Following that experience, Ginger was invited to apply for a library director position and, to her surprise, got the job! She has now been a library director for over 10 years and wonders why she didn't go into Library Science to begin with, being a life-long bookworm who also loves music, movies, writing, studying, computers, and people - basically all things library!

Ginger is looking forward to finishing her MLIS from the University of Southern Mississippi and hopes to be finished by the time she goes to the ALA conference. According to Ginger, she is "counting the opportunity of participating in the Student-to-Staff Program as just icing on the cake as a reward for finishing my degree."

American Library Association: <http://www.ala.org/>

Southern Miss Student Archivists Association (SAA)

President: Cole Smith

Vice President: Brianna Barnard

Secretary: Michelle Finerty

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Teresa Welsh

In December, SAA member Birnadette Birzer earned a Graduate Certificate in Archives and Special Collections in addition to the MLIS degree.

SAA President Cole Smith coordinated with Learning Enhancement Center videographers and de Grummond Children's Literature Curator Ellen Ruffin and Archivist Jennifer Brannock to produce a series of videos to be used in online courses related to archives and to children's literature. The first video on the de Grummond Collection is available at: <http://youtu.be/C1tjseX9NpY>

SLIS student [Kate Brunelle](#) was awarded an archive internship at the Holocaust Museum in Washington.

SLIS students Phillip Carter, Preston Salisbury, Cole Smith, and Callie Wiygul received funding from the SAA for registration and travel to the Preservation of Books and Archival Materials workshop in Jackson, MS, January 31.

If you would like to join the Southern Miss Student Archivists, email teresa.welsh@usm.edu and/or "Like" Southern Miss SAA on Facebook.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Southern-Miss-Student-Archivists-Association/203760579638985>

Preservation Workshop in Jackson

By Callie Wiygul

The Preservation of Books and Archival Materials workshop sponsored by the Miss. Department of Archives and History (MDAH) on January 31 in Jackson, MS, was an excellent primer about the techniques, methods, and general theories related to archival preservation. The presenters, Jennifer Brannock and Linda Overman, are enthusiastic experts and have broad, substantive experiences to share. In addition to absorbing basic techniques of book repair and conservation initiatives, such as disaster response and mold repair, we practiced these techniques hands-on as well.

The binders created for each participant included a variety of materials that preservation archivists may use as a handbook or reference resource for many years. Additionally, the workshop was an occasion to engage in conversations with students and professionals from around the state. So much of archival theory is best understood in practice, and this workshop allowed me to become apprised of current issues and methods of preservation and conservation from the keen perspectives of classmates and professionals in the field.

Finally, our benevolent hosts rewarded us with a repair kit of the integral tools of the trade and a private, extended tour of the MDAH facilities. Many thanks to the Southern Miss Student Archivists Association for granting us the chance to attend such a useful, insightful workshop.



Kit Pictured Included: Dry cleaning pad, Knitting needle, X-acto knife, Micro spatula, Bone folder, & Paint brush

Upcoming Events

[Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival](#), April 10-12, USM Thad Cochran Center

[Society of Mississippi Archivists Conference](#), April 17-19, Cleveland, MS

[Southern Archivists Conference](#), April 25-27, Jackson

[Children's Literature Association Conference](#), June 13-15, Biloxi IP Resort

[American Library Association Annual Conference](#), June 27-July 2, Chicago

[Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting](#), August 11-17, New Orleans Hilton Riverside

British Studies, June 27 – July 28, 2013

The USM study-abroad course, LIS: 580/587, British Libraries and Information Centers, is scheduled to be taught this July in London and Edinburgh with day trips to Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon, and Greenwich.

In the past 6 years, more than 100 students from 25 ALA-accredited programs across the country have participated in British Studies, one of the oldest and largest international programs in the U.S. British Studies Director Dr. Doug Mackaman, staff, and liaisons in Hattiesburg and London support the academic activities of faculty and students.

The class is led by SLIS faculty, Dr. Teresa Welsh, with lectures by British librarians, archivists, and curators on-site in historic libraries, archives, museums, and special collections. Sessions scheduled in mornings or early afternoons allow students time to explore other sites on their own and to gather information for the final research paper, which will be written and submitted a month after returning to the States.

Online application for British Studies summer 2013 is available online – click on the British Studies link at <http://www.usm.edu/slis>



National Archives of Scotland,
Edinburgh (2011)

[British Studies Blog](#)



Barbican Library, London (2012)

Creating Futures through Technology Conference, [Biloxi, MS](#), March 6-8, 2013

Dr. Stacy Creel and Dr. Teresa Welsh are presenting *Access & Enable: Using Technology to Transform Learning*—a presentation of technology and communication tools, class activities and assignments that build community in online courses.

5th International Conference on Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries, "La Sapienza" University, [Rome, Italy](#), June 4 - 7 2013

Dr. Teresa S. Welsh is coordinating sessions on bibliometric research and LIS student research.

17th International Conference on Electronic Publishing, Blekinge Institute of Technology, [Karlskrona, Sweden](#), June 13-14, 2013

Dr. Teresa S. Welsh and Dr. Stacy Creel are presenting on usage data of e- journal, *SLIS Connecting*.

The Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing (SHARP), University of Pennsylvania in [Philadelphia](#), July 18-21, 2013

Dr. Brenton Stewart's will host a panel discussion and present on "The Desideratum in the South: The Southern Medical & Surgical Journal and the Codification of Southern Medical Literature," based on his dissertation research.